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In re divisional patent application of

W. Howell et al.

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, after line 3, insert the following:

**-- Cross-Reference To Related Applications**

A1 This application is a division of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/526,394 filed

March 16, 2000. --

**IN THE DRAWINGS:**

Please substitute the attached formal drawings (2 sheets, containing Figs. 1-3) for the drawings which were originally filed with the parent application. The drawings originally filed with the parent application are attached to a copy of the originally filed specification which are included herewith.

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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

✓ Please cancel claims 1-14 without prejudice or disclaimer.

**REMARKS**

The above changes to the claims have been made to cancel claims being prosecuted in a separate application. This Preliminary Amendment leaves claims 15-21 pending in the present application.

The prior application is assigned of record to International Business Machines Corporation, Armonk, New York, recorded on March 16, 2000, at Reel 010689, Frame 0004.

Early and favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 09-0456.

Respectfully submitted,



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